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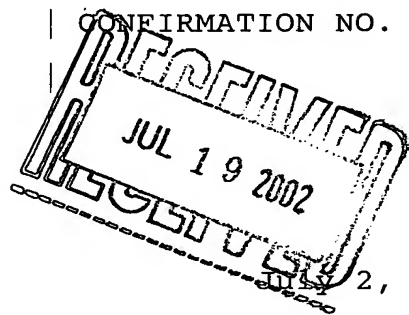
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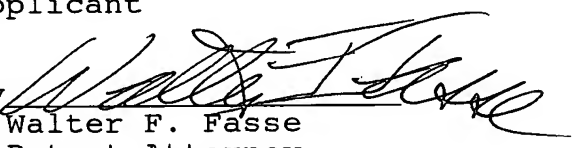
- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Second Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references cited thereon. A copy of a European Search Report issued in a counterpart European Application on June 17, 2002 is also enclosed. Applicants request that the references be made of record herein.
- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, to the best knowledge of the undersigned attorney, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).
- 3) The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement, as seen from the European Search Report date of June 17, 2002.

- 4) Under 37 C.F.R. 1.704^(d), the undersigned hereby states that each item contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that such communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
- 5) References AD and AE are in English and therefore do not require any particular discussion. Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of each of the references AD and AE by category (A = technological background). Thereby, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance has been satisfied (see M.P.E.P. §609).
- 6) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to the applicants and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 7) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 7 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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